

Military noise assessments and records include important information about noise impacts on the community, which should be used to educate prospective homebuyers. Disclosure of noise levels, for example, enables people to make more-informed choices regarding the location of homes, businesses, and public facilities. Optimally, for any new residential development or transfer of existing residences, ordinances should be in place to ensure that purchasers are aware of an installation's noise environment in these areas.

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A disclosure statement or notice should be included on the deed for the subject property and recorded by the county. It should also be included on any parcel map, tentative map, or final map for the subdivision approval.

### **Sample Deed**

"This property is in the area subject to impacts from military operations. As a result, residents may experience inconvenience, annoyance, etc. arising from the noise of operations. Residents of property near a military facility should be aware of this situation and be prepared to accept such inconvenience, annoyance, etc. from normal military operations. Any subsequent deed conveying parcels or lots shall contain a statement of this form."

Prospective homebuyers are further protected when:

- real estate and leasing agents are required to provide information about the potential noise problem,
- noise levels for the area are posted on "for sale" or "for lease" signs, and
- noise contours are published on subdivision plots and municipal, land use, and zoning maps.

# Using real estate disclosure to manage environmental noise

By making this information public, incompatible uses around military installations may be prevented. Informed residents will be annoyed less by military noise, and developers and builders may be more discriminating when siting new construction.

*For more information about the Army's noise management program contact:*

Operational Noise Program  
U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and  
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MCHB-TS-EON  
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5403  
410-436-3829  
<http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/dehe/morenoise/>

*For more information on the Navy's Noise Management Program contact:*

Special Assistant for AICUZ and Encroachment  
Commander Navy Installations  
Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
Washington Navy Yard, Washington DC 20374  
202-685-9181

*For more information on the Air Force's Noise Management Program contact:*

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703-604-5277

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